

Student Protesters And Why They Act

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IOWA CITY, IA. — After the pigs took over the farm, they posted a sign that said something like this: "All animals are equal but some are more equal than others."

That's fiction — George Orwell's "Animal Farm" — but the same brand of logic got a real-life tryout on the University of Iowa campus here last week. It went like this:

"We think the Central Intelligence Agency infringes upon men's freedom through its spying activity. Therefore, we'll infringe upon the freedom of anyone who wants to talk with the agency about a job."

Week of Interviews

Like any recruiter, CIA man Charles Pecinovsky's visit here was announced through the university bulletins and the student newspaper. He had a week of scheduled interviews.

A protest group — never numbering more than 35 — harassed him all week long.

On Tuesday, the protesters barged into his office and forced

him to go to another building to finish his interviews. They tried to stop the interviews by barricading the halls and doors with their bodies.

Everett Frost of Coventry, Conn., holder of a master's degree from the University of Connecticut and candidate for an English doctorate here, was the group spokesman.

He was asked: "But what about the freedom of the interviewer and the student he's trying to interview?"

"That's different," he said. "If he would do this in a booth on a street downtown, I wouldn't attempt to interfere."

"If he would come here to speak and debate and show films, it would be different. I would picket him but I wouldn't

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